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Maintaining Accuracy and Integrity of Personnel Data

The Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) is committed to maintaining the accuracy and integrity of personnel data stored in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) data base. Data accuracy is of utmost importance when it applies to pay, entitlements, promotion, training, and assignments. To enhance the accuracy and integrity of the data, various personnel data elements will be accepted only from verified sources, including the military and civilian personnel systems that provide their data directly to DEERS.

DMDC will work with the Services/Components in a phased approach to assure an enhanced security posture while also assuring continued benefits to eligible personnel. In the past, many of the data elements could be modified or changed at the base or installation ID card office.

In some instances, this resulted in data errors or inconsistencies in DEERS and affected the individual's or family member's benefits and entitlements. "Locking down" the data is a prudent step in achieving an accurate and reliable data base. These procedural changes will be phased in over a two year period beginning in May 2013. Data on military dependents, however, is not being locked down at this time and current data update procedures apply.

There will be some data elements that can still be modified or updated at the ID Card office. Additionally, individuals having a Common Access Card (CAC), a DFAS (myPay) account or DOD Self-Service (DS) Logon account, can review many of their personnel data elements and have the ability to update contact information by logging on to DMDC's "milConnect" website at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/>.

Military members (Active, Guard, and Reserve) are encouraged to review their military personnel data record by visiting their military personnel office where any required changes may be made. DOD Civilian employees should contact their servicing Defense Civilian Personnel Advisory Service (DCPAS) for assistance if needed. Uniformed Service Retirees should contact their local Retirement Services Office (RSO) for assistance.

DOD Contractors and Non-DOD Civilians/Contractors – includes Civil Service (Other Federal Agency), Contractor (Other Federal Agency) and Non-Federal Agency Associates should contact their Trusted Agent who has access to the Trusted Agent Sponsorship System (TASS) (formerly known as the Contractor Verification System (CVS)).

To help preclude any undue hardship on individuals and/or beneficiaries, DMDC is requesting widest dissemination of these changes.

(Source: www.dmdc.osd.mil)

CO's Corner -

CGX is now online for retirees! In this issue, you will find an article (below) that will give you additional information and how to access the online store. As quoted in the article by the Coast Guard Community Services Command (CSC), "Coast Guard retirees are part of our Coast Guard family and fabric forever. Because you "Stood the Watch" you and your dependents have earned the best we have to offer." Shopping at the CGX online store is tax-free and a portion of every sale supports Coast Guard Morale, Well-being and Recreation (MWR) programs. Enjoy this new resource and thank you to CSC for making this available!

In other news, Commander Raymond J. Evans crossed the bar on May 30, 2013 at the age of 92. Commander Evans and Douglas Munro were the best of friends and enlisted together in 1939. Both served aboard landing craft under heavy fire at Guadalcanal on September 27, 1942 where Munro made the ultimate sacrifice while evacuating Marines from the beach with Evans by his side. Evans was awarded the Navy Cross for his courage that day successfully evacuating Marines and piloting his craft to safety following the loss of his Navy coxswain. May 30, 2013 marked the passing of a true Coast Guard legend and hero.

CAPT Stuart Lebruska, Commanding Officer, USCG Pay & Personnel Center

COAST GUARD EXCHANGE ANNOUNCES NEW ON LINE STORE AVAILABLE FOR ALL USCG RETIREES

Coast Guard retirees are part of our Coast Guard family and fabric forever.

Because you "Stood the Watch" you and your dependents have earned the best we have to offer. Shopping at the Coast Guard Exchange (CGX) offers savings directly to the pocketbook of Coast Guard retirees. More than just tax-free shopping, price comparisons show that CGX offers an average savings of 20% or more when compared to private sector retailers "outside the gate." But many retirees don't live near a CGX and aren't able to take advantage of what they've earned. So CGX is proud to announce the opening of its online store at www.shopCGX.com.

Shopping online brings the savings and tax-free values of Coast Guard Exchange as close as your computer, tablet or smart phone. There are over 500 individual products now available at www.shopcgx.com including computers, tablets, headphones, ipods and mp3 players and other small electronics, sunglasses, fragrances, and of course Coast Guard apparel and gifts.

When you shop on line at shopCGX.com, a portion of every sale supports your Coast Guard Morale, Well-being, and Recreation (MWR) programs. In fact, over the last 10 years, CGX has contributed over \$22.7M to Coast Guard MWR programs. More products will be continuously added to shopCGX.com, but we need your feedback to keep growing. Contact us directly on Facebook www.facebook.com/coastguardexchange or email at customerservice@shopcgx.com.

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RETIREE PAYDAYS FOR CY 2013

February 1	May 31	October 1
March 1	July 1	November 1
April 1	August 1	November 29
May 1	August 30	December 31

RCSBP Information for Reserve Personnel

Information for reservists who are between 20-years satisfactory service and reaching age 60

If you have no spouse or children at the 20-year point, and later acquire a spouse and/or children you may elect to enroll your new beneficiaries in the RCSBP. You must request enrollment by completing a CG-11221, *Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) Option - Election Certificate* (http://www.uscg.mil/forms/cg/cg_11221.pdf), **within one year** of obtaining a spouse and/or child. A copy of the marriage and/or birth certificate must accompany request.

If you elect spouse coverage under Option B or C, and your spouse dies, you may suspend your RCSBP spouse coverage. You must notify us and provide a copy of the death certificate. If you elected coverage for both spouse and children, your RCSBP child coverage would continue.

If you elect spouse coverage under Option B or C, and later divorce, you have the following rights:

- You may suspend your RCSBP spouse coverage by providing a copy of your divorce decree.
- You may voluntarily elect to cover your former spouse under the RCSBP. Submit a written request, with a copy of your divorce decree.

If you remarry after losing your RCSBP spouse beneficiary, you have the following rights **within one year** of your remarriage:

- Provide the same RCSBP coverage you had for your previous spouse.
- Terminate your RCSBP spouse coverage.
- Increase your RCSBP Base amount up to full retired pay.
(Additional costs will apply.)

NOTE: The opportunity to make any changes to your RCSBP election must be made **within one year** of your remarriage by written notification to us at the address provided below:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
U.S. Coast Guard Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka KS 66683-3591

SEMPER PARATUS

by LTJG Jacob Hauser

It's no secret the remote but vibrant Aleutian city of Unalaska is home to many treasures of Coast Guard lore, yet one of the most prominent would seem unlikely: A piano.

This piano is so important the crew from [Coast Guard Cutter Munro](#) gathered in their service dress blues at the house of City Councilwoman Zoya Johnson just to see it. Johnson generously opened her home so guests could gather around the piano keys and give a showing of the Coast Guard's hymn, "[Semper Paratus](#)." The musical selection was not only fitting for the company; it was on Johnson's piano, in the Summer of 1926, that "Semper Paratus" was first composed!

Groundwork for the event began in January, when Petty Officer 2nd Class Christopher King was studying for his advancement exams. He was deep in the history and traditions study guide when he "noticed a simple line saying 'Semper Paratus' was written on Unalaska." The island's name stood out, of course. He'd visited it many times. In fact, Dutch Harbor has been central to Coast Guard Bering Sea patrols since 1885.

"Capt. Cawthorn always liked to talk to us [the crew] about history, so I mentioned the piano to him," said King. On this tip, Capt. Mark A. Cawthorn researched the find and made an announcement to his crew later that week: "Word has it they've got the piano Semper Paratus was written on, right here in Dutch. So, when you're in town, ask around. Who knows...maybe we can find it." That's all it took. The search lasted less than a day.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Michael Martin, then-president of Munro's morale committee and a volunteer for a community service event at the [Unalaska City School District](#), took his captain's advice over lunch with Superintendent John Conwell. Conwell didn't know whether the piano was on-island anymore, but he referred the crew to his friend and neighbor, Zoya Johnson, the director of the [Museum of the Aleutians](#). She seemed likely to be the resident expert. But when Conwell contacted Johnson, he got a surprise. Not only did she know exactly where the piano was, it turned out that she had come to be its private owner. The story of how the "Semper Paratus" piano came to prominence and how it came to be with Johnson is equally noteworthy.

Eighty-six years earlier, America's oldest continuous seagoing service had no marching song, but it could not have had a more qualified composer than [Capt. Francis Van Boskerck](#). Commissioned in the [U.S. Revenue Cutter Service](#) in 1891, his generation was witness to the heroic feats of the [Bear](#) throughout Alaska, of the Hudson in the [Spanish-American War](#) and even the official birth of the modern Coast Guard in 1915 when the Revenue Cutter Service merged with the U.S. Life-Saving Service. Soon, Van Boskerck became commanding officer of Bear and it was in 1922, while stationed aboard cutter Yamacraw at Savanna, Ga., that Van Boskerck wrote down the lyrics to "Semper Paratus." But five years after penciling his ballad about the service he had not come up with a melody. When comfortably cloistered on the Island of Unalaska in 1927 as a Bering Sea patrol commander, "Captain Van" finally found the time and the inspiration to finish his work. He had befriended Clara Goss, whose family owned the Unalaska Company. Goss' family then happened to own the only piano in the Aleutians; a 1913 [Bush & Lane](#) built in Chicago, which the family had shipped to their private home in town.

According to local tradition, when Goss learned about Van Boskerck's lyrics, she insisted he put them to music and made her piano available for the task. Thus Van Boskerck with two accomplices from the [Public Health Service](#), Alfred E. Nannestad and Joseph O. Fournier, produced the enduring but simple compliment to his lyrics. Sometime after Van Boskerck left Unalaska, the Goss house burned in an accidental fire and the piano was salvaged and brought to the original Jesse Lee Home for Orphans, also in town. No record was maintained of the piano's historical importance and, after decades of good use, it fell into disrepair. In the 1980s, the home discarded the piano to a town burn-pile. Johnson's husband, Robert, found the piano, rescued it from the refuse, patched it up and brought it to the family home where it resides today. As fate would have it, this historic instrument had arrived in the household of a historian and museum curator. "It wasn't until years later when we did a Coast Guard history day that we began to make the connection," Johnson explained to those gathered at her home. "There was only one other piano on the island that

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REUNIONS AND NOTICES

HAWAII COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL will meet at 1900 to 2100 at Club 14, Sand Island the second Wednesday of every August, November, February, and May. Contact CAPT Schultz at rschultz369@gmail.com or BMCS Dutton at DuttonM003@Hawaii.RR.Com if you have any questions.

Calling all LORANIMALS –The last of the US LORAN Stations have been shut down. Come and join us at: www.Loran-history.info. The web site remembers the Coast Guardsmen who served aboard Loran-A, Loran-C stations and other Loran billets worldwide. These dedicated Coasties are but a few who provided radio navigation signals to millions of navigators. Hosted by CPO Joe Jester, USCG (ret) and MCPO Bill Dietz, USCG (ret)

Attention retirees in Districts 13 and 17: We invite you to affiliate with the Coast Guard Retiree Council Northwest! We keep you in touch with fellow retirees, benefit news and what's happening in the active Coast Guard. No heavy lifting required. Check out our Website at <http://www.cgretirenw.org>. Please send your contact information (including E-mail address) to feedback@cgretirenw.org.

The **Cactus Coast Guard** meets three times a year in the Phoenix, AZ area for brunch and camaraderie. All former, active duty, reserve and retired Coast Guard are welcome. We have an active e-mail list so please respond by same to artgbeard@aol.com. No e-mail, contact SKCM Art Sloane, USCG, Ret., (480) 802-6810.

Those interested in joining the membership to the **COAST GUARD RETIREE COUNCIL** of Jacksonville, FL or if you have questions, contact YNCM Bobby Wester, USCG, retired, at Bwester2549@aol.com (subject line: CG Retiree Council), (904) 645-5552 (leave message), or by regular mail to 3327 Brachenbury Lane, Jacksonville, FL 32225-3709 (please provide a telephone number where you can be reached).

TRACEN YORKTOWN Retiree Council office is located in the lobby on the first floor of Steuben Hall. Office hours are 0800-1400 Monday thru Wednesday or by appointment. Telephone (757) 856-2136 or e-mail us at: TCY-PF-Retireecouncil@uscg.mil. Our retiree luncheon is held at 11:30 AM on the second Wednesday of each month in the Port of York. Feel free to join us for breakfast at 6:30 AM every Wednesday in the galley.

TRACEN CAPE MAY Retiree Council Office is now located in my home. It's open to CG retirees, active duty personnel and other Armed Forces, Reserve & Guards, Veterans of all services. I'm now a certified VFW, VA Service Officer. MCPO F W Andersen. My address is 108 Cardinal Ave, Villas, NJ 08251. Call for appointment. You are all welcome. Cell: (609) 972-6453, home: (609) 889-6647 or e-mail me at: kc2jpo@comcast.net.

Florida East Central Coast Retiree Council meets quarterly at the Ponce Deleon Inlet Coast Guard Station. Contact John Heaphy at (386) 852-7773 (leave a message) or JohnHeaphyAlso@aol.com or Bob Merrilees (321) 452-5426 or RMerrilees@cfl.rr.com for information about the next meeting. All Coast Guard retirees and annuitants are welcome as well as retirees from other services.

2013 Prinsendam Rescue Reunion - "Calling on all Shipmates and Aviators who served aboard the USCGC's BOUTWELL, MELLON, WOODRUSH, USCG Air Stations Sitka and Kodiak, D17, MSO Valdez, CG Communications Area Master Station Pacific, CG Communication Station Kodiak, Elmendorf AFB, Canadian Forces, U.S. Tanker Williamsburgh, C/V's SOHIO Intrepid, and Portland who assisted in the rescue of 519 passengers and crew aboard the burning Luxury Liner Prinsendam on 4 - 5 October 1980 in the Gulf of Alaska". If you were attached to any of these units during the rescue and/or subsequent sinking of the Prinsendam and are not listed on our roster, "I Want To Hear From You". Our Third Annual Reunion will be celebrated on Saturday, 5 October 2013 in Seattle, Washington to commemorate the 33rd Anniversary of "One of the Greatest Sea Rescues in Coast Guard History". A special invitation is also extended to rescued passengers and crew aboard the Prinsendam. If you require the assistance of a Stokes Litter to attend, one will be provided at no cost! Contact YNCS Stan Jaceks, USCG (Ret.) by email at stanley2421@localnet.com or stanleyjaceks@gmail.com or by phone at (509) 760-4866 (c) to make your reservation or get additional information.

Coast Guard retirees and annuitants living in the St. Louis area are invited to participate in the formation of the St. Louis Area Coast Guard Retiree Council. If you are interested in participating or have questions, email Mike Kelly, LCDR (Ret) at mike1940@centurytel.net.

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The **Northern California Coast Guard Retiree Council** announces the 23rd Annual All-Services Retiree Seminar. Speakers and information tables will provide the latest information on TRICARE, current legislation, legal assistance, scams, frauds, Space-A travel, and more!

When: 0800-1200, Saturday 24 August 2013

Where: Gresham Conference Center, Coast Guard Island, Alameda, CA

Additional information available on the council's website: <http://sites.google.com/site/nccgrc>

Coast Guard Activities, Europe Facebook Page, any former members of Coast Guard Activities, Europe Loran C operations (July 1995 and prior) ACTEUR in London and including Estartit, Lampedusa, Sellia Marina, Sylt, Karagarburn are welcome to join our facebook page "Coast Guard Activities Europe" and share their memories.

Coast Guard Investigative Association Conference will be held 9/17/2013 - 9/20/2013 at Best Western Cristata Inn, Uncasville, CT. Contact Mike Ferrick at 978-390-2500 or Jimmy Miller at 860-608-2595 or see our website at coastguardinvestigativeassociation.org.

The Maine Maritime Museum in Bath will feature, this coming summer, a Coast Guard exhibit from June until September. In addition to lighthouses, the curator wants to feature more mission areas. One of those are ocean station weather patrols from the early 50s until '77 when Portland was the homeport to nearly a half dozen 311s (WAVP/WHEC). Buoy tending and lifeboat stations are other areas of interest, along with the Loran Station in Caribou. If you were a Maine sailor and would like to share a sea story or two or a photograph for the exhibit please contact CDR Donald Murphy, USCG, Ret. at <DFMurph66@gmail.com> or at 207-729-7586.

2013 Coast Guard Lifeboat Reunion will be held in Astoria, OR the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of August 2013. A welcome reception will be at the ELKS in Astoria Aug 2nd with a Dinner Saturday evening the 3rd. The Reunion will end with a picnic at CG Station Cape Disappointment, Coast Guard Day August 4th. This Reunion is for all who have served at any Lifeboat Station in the 13th District including all District Commanders! Please find more information and your reservation form at USCGD13REUNION.WEBS.COM. We regret we have only have space for the first 200 dinner reservations, so get your reservations locked in!!! Feel free to contact CMC Kim Brown, Ret at: 253-216-6194 for further information.

The **Coast Guard Club of The Villages, FL** will host our fourth annual celebration of the Coast Guard's birthday on Sunday, August 4th, 2013 at American Legion Post 347 near The Villages. The celebration is open to current and former Coast Guard active duty personnel, reserves, auxiliaries, civilian employees, surviving spouses and their guests. **Advance reservations are required.** For additional information, send email to USCGbirth-day@aol.com or call 352-391-2517.

The 15th annual reunion of **Coast Guard CW Operators Association** will be held October 13-16, 2013 at Casa Del Mar in Galveston, TX. See Comm-One newsletter for registration forms or get more details from: dhansen110@comcast.net

Coast Guard Cutter Westwind (WAGB-281) Reunion

The 2013 Westwind Association reunion will be held on September 6/7/8, 2013 at the Groton Inn & Suites, Groton, CT (860) 445-9784. A tour of Museum at Coast Guard Academy and CGC Eagle are scheduled as well as a banquet and guest speaker on the 7th. Contact Alex Mavica at amavica@optonline.net

The **SPENCER Association** 2013 reunion will be held in Buffalo, NY from Sep 19 to Sep 22 at the Millennium Hotel in Cheektowaga, NY. For more information please contact Bob Marzen at marzenh@netzero.net or 570-325-4414 or 2161.

Fellow **TT's, EMT's, IT's** and friend's our West Coast Reunion is July 26-28, 2013 at Ft. Stevens State Park, Hammond, OR. For more information please contact Lauren and Deb Conrady, (541) 614 0272 or email: oregonstarr@yahoo.com, for details.

The **U. S. Coast Guard Assoc. of Former Stewards** will be celebrating their 24th Conference/ Reunion on August 1 thru 5, 2013 at the Sheraton Hotel in Niagara Falls, New York. For more information, please contact: CPO Luther Eure, USCG Retired at (757) 486-1548.

MILITARY RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY

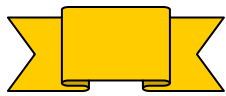
When: Friday 26 July, 2013

Where: MCRD, SAN DIEGO, CA

Contact: Pat Bromley (619) 524-5301 for details.

The **USCGC Duane (WHEC-33) Reunion** will be held at the Best Western Marry Manor, Portland, ME (Sep 11-14). Point of Contact: Stan Barnes, Tel: 603-286-7720. Visit the website: <http://home.comcast.net/~whhec33/>

The **Eastern Great Lakes All Coast Guard Reunion** will be held in Oswego, NY on Saturday, September 14. For more information, contact Rick Kunz at (315) 299-4351 or (315) 663-6452.



USCG Retirements



Name	Grade	Date of Retirement
ABBEY, NATHAN	BM2	20130327
ANTHONY, MATTHEW	BM2	20130320
APOLITO, BRIAN	HSCS	20130501
ARCHERD, DOUGLAS	LCDR	20130420
ASHTON, WILLIAM	MECS	20130503
AUZA, STEVEN	BMC	20130418
BANNAN, KIMBER	LCDR	20130401
BARCLAY, CHARLES	MKCS	20130311
BARR, CYNTHIA	YN2	20130430
BEAUPRE, JEFFREY	BMCM	20130401
BELCHER, WILLIAM	AMT1	20130301
BELL, KELLY	LT	20130301
BORDELON, THOMAS	PS1	20130326
BOYD, DARREN	INV4	20130401
BRADY, CHRISTOPHER	ENG4	20130501
BRADY, JOSEPH	MST1	20130311
BRADY, MICHAEL	CDR	20130301
BRAKEVILLE, DANIEL	GMCM	20130401
BRENNAN, DAVID	MST2	20130415
BROWN, MICHAEL	CAPT	20130512
BROWN, WAYNE	CAPT	20130301
BUSCH, JEFFREY	CDR	20130228
BYRNE, JOHN	PSC	20130307
CALTAGIRONE, MARK	LT	20130501
CAMPBELL, TYRELL	GM1	20130322
CARLE, GEOFFREY	OSC	20130301
CAROTHERS, CHRISTIN	LT	20130320
CATCHOT, MICHAEL	YN1	20130401
CHAMBERLIN, ERIC	CAPT	20130401
CHAMES, DOMONIQUE	OS2	20130423
CHIO, ISABELO	OSC	20130301
CLIFFORD, JACK	YNCM	20130501
COLLIGAN, GARY	IT1	20130512
COON, JARED	BMC	20130401
COSTELLO, DAN	BMCS	20130302
COWDEN, JOHN	BMC	20130412
COX, DAVID	LT	20130412
CRANDALL, LUBY, PAMELA	LCDR	20130406
CREIGH, ROBERT	LT	20130501
CRUICKSHANK, CONWAY	MKC	20130323
DALEN, JOHN	DC1	20130501
DASAL, WILLY	LT	20130501
DAVIS, CHET	BM1	20130401
DAVIS, GEORGE	DC3	20130501
DAY, MARCI	AET1	20130501
DEARINGER, HOWARD	DC2	20130501
DELAURA, NICHOLAS	CDR	20130401
DENNIS, SCOTT	F&S3	20130301
DEYOUNG, ANN	LCDR	20130301
DODD, WILLIAM	YNC	20130401
DOLLAR, RONALD	FN	20130425
DONOFRIO, RAFFAELE	ME1	20130412
DOSSETT, JOHN	MKCM	20130501
DOWNING, BRITTNY	FN	20130412
ELLIS, LAWRENCE	CDR	20130401
EVANS, JO	YN2	20130325
EVANS, DARRIN	AMTCM	20130401
FILON, RAYMOND	BM2	20130419
FLEMING, RICHARD	MSTC	20130301
FONGER, TIMOTHY	SN	20130507
FORSYTHE, DAVID	BM2	20130304

Name	Grade	Date of Retirement
FULTZ, MICHAEL	HSC	20130501
GAGE, GINA	AET2	20130320
GALARZA, IDA	SN	20130308
GALLAUGHER, SHANE	ENG4	20130301
GEORGE, KEVIN	BM2	20130425
GIBSON, PAUL	BMC	20130501
GOMEZ, DAVID	IT2	20130412
GRAHAM, EDWARD	BMC	20130401
GREEN, ADDAM	AMT1	20130401
HALE, STEPHANIE	YN2	20130412
HANEY, MARK	AETCS	20130501
HARGIS, STEVEN	ETCM	20130501
HARRIES, SUSAN	BMCS	20130429
HARRIS, MARKLEY	BMCM	20130428
HARRISON, WILLIAM	LCDR	20130413
HEDINGER, WADE	LT	20130401
HERBERT, JARED	AST2	20130419
HETHERINGTON, JASON	LT	20130501
HILL, JANETTE	YN1	20130401
HISEL, MARCIA	YN1	20130406
HOOVER, DAVID	CDR	20130402
HUDDLESTON, JOHN	MKC	20130517
HUMMEL, NICHOLAS	BMC	20130401
JAMIESON, RICHARD	BM3	20130423
JOHNSON, KENNETH	OSC	20130301
KAMMER, RICHARD	LCDR	20130228
KING, MICHAEL	AMT3	20130228
KINSLEY, EDWARD	MK2	20130412
KLEMM, JONAS	LT	20130401
KOCHANSKI, ERIC	MST1	20130512
KONKLE, THOMAS	WEPS4	20130401
KREVIT, AMY	AMT2	20130416
LAVENDER, RONALD	BM1	20130501
LEWIS, JEFFREY	MSSD2	20130301
LOPEZ, BEEKEN	OS3	20130501
LOPEZCONDE, RICARDO	MK1	20130401
LUBOWICKI, MATTHEW	DC1	20130501
LYNCH, MICHELLE	SA	20130320
MACKIN, TERENCE	BM1	20130401
MAGIE, MATTHEW	AMT1	20130401
MANGARO, LAWRENCE	ME3	20130412
MARICONDA, THOMAS	PS1	20130413
MAROTE, JAPHETH	MK2	20130425
MARRUFO, EDWARD	MSSD3	20130501
MARSH, TAMRA	SK1	20130417
MASCORRO, CORIN	FN	20130412
MCCAFFREY, BRIAN	LCDR	20130417
MCCASKEY, ROBERT	LT	20130501
MCCLAY, THOMAS	CDR	20130502
MCCORMICK, MICHAEL	MSS4	20130330
MCFAUL, JOSEPH	CDR	20130410
MCNERNEY, MICHAEL	PSS4	20130312
MORAN, JOHN	LT	20130501
MORGAN, ANDREW	FN	20130417
MORTIMER, JOEL	ENG3	20130301
MOSTELLER, ROBERT	MK1	20130423
NEUMANN, THERESA	CDR	20130501
O'BRIEN, CHRISTOPHER	LT	20130430
OROZCO, JESSICA	SK1	20130412
PADGETT, DAVID	F&S4	20130401

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PETERSEN, FREDERICK	BM3	20130321
POTYOK, DAVID	LCDR	20130301
PRICHARD, JERRY	INV3	20130401
PUDER, TIMOTHY	YN1	20130319
PURCELL, ROBERT	AMT3	20130514
PUTLOCK, MICHAEL	LCDR	20130401
QUINTANILLA, DAVID	YNC	20130501
RHOADES, CHAD	BMC	20130401
ROGERS, WILLIAM	MKC	20130301
ROMERO, SCOTT	ENG4	20130501
ROSE, DAVID	YN1	20130320
RUIZ, EDGARD	DC1	20130320
RUSSELL, BRIAN	BMC	20130501
SANCHEZ, JOHN	MSTC	20130417
SAURENMANN, CHARLES	MKCS	20130401
SCHINELLA, ANTHONY	MKC	20130301
SCHNITZLER, KEITH	BMC	20130301
SELPH, STEPHEN	SKC	20130301
SHAW, ADAM	CAPT	20130401
SILVA, RICKY	MKC	20130407
SMITH, EDSON	BM2	20130428
SPEARS, JENNIFER	MK2	20130305
SPITZ, JOHN	SN	20130514
SPORL, JAMES	MECS	20130509
STAMM, LOUIS	YNC	20130517
STEARNS, GREGORY	SKC	20130401
STELLFLUG, JAMES	LCDR	20130501
STEUDLE, JAMES	BMCM	20130401
STMARTIN, CHRISTOPHER	BMCS	20130501
STOLZ, WILLIAM	MST1	20130409
STOVALL, GEORGE	CDR	20130301
STROMSTED, ROBERT	CDR	20130509
SWIRBLISS, CRAIG	CAPT	20130401
TAGER, BRENT	SK1	20130514
TEENEY, GERALD	MKCS	20130516
THOMAS, ADAM	FS2	20130401
TODD, JOHN	HS1	20130301
TREDINNICK, GLENA	CDR	20130401
TURENCHALK, WILLIAM	OSCS	20130501
TURNER, BENJAMIN	GM2	20130419
TYNER, CHRISTOPHER	SN	20130412
UNDERBERG, BRADLEY	AETCM	20130501
VANNATTEN, PETER	GMC	20130401
VERFAILLIE, DARRYL	CAPT	20130401
VIOLETT, MICHAEL	DC1	20130328
VOLPEL, RICHARD	MAT3	20130407
WARREN, MARC	LCDR	20130401
WEAR, EDWARD	AETCS	20130501
WEBSTER, GEORGE	LCDR	20130401
WEIDMAN, LOWELL	OSS4	20130401
WICKSTROM, STEVEN	ELC4	20130401
WILLIAMS, HUGH	FS1	20130416
WILLIAMS, SONJA	OS1	20130301
WILLIAMS, JEFFREY	MK1	20130322
WILSON, KENNETH	EM2	20130325
WILSON, DUSTIN	MKC	20130417
WINTERBOTTOM, BRIAN	BMCM	20130301
WYGLENDOWSKI, FRANK	BMC	20130501
YANG, JONAS	LCDR	20130301
YOPP, CLIFTON	INV3	20130401
YOUNG, DAVID	HS1	20130301



HAUPT, TODD	CDR	20130401
GLOVER, GREGORY	CDR	20130401
NEANDER, DAVID	CAPT	20130401

I've Received an Award Letter from the VA. What happens Now?

by Teresa Deckenbach, Military Pay Technician

This is the number one question we are asked as pay technicians. This article will give you information regarding our timelines here in Retiree and Annuitant Services (RAS).

When RAS is notified that a Coast Guard retiree has been awarded compensation, we are required to deduct dollar for dollar any compensation the retiree receives from the VA.

When a retiree is awarded a disability rating of 50% or higher AND served 20 or more years, a portion of the compensation offset will be restored as Concurrent Retired Disability Payments (CRDP). CRDP started in 2004 and higher concurrent payments have been phased in over a 10 year period.

As of January 1, 2014, anyone rated 50% or higher, with 20+ years of service, will receive their full USCG retired pay and VA compensation. You will receive two deposits each month; one from the VA and one from the USCG.

Exception to this rule: If you retire as a Chapter 61 disability and your longevity percentage is less than your disability percentage, you may or may not be entitled to CRDP.

When the VA notifies us of a retroactive decision on a rating, we complete an Audit Error Worksheet (AEW) that calculates any back monies owed to the retiree. In most cases, money is owed to the retiree only from the VA. The worksheet goes through our auditors and our audit process takes 90-120 days. This time period is determined by the auditor's workload and the number of starts or changes received from the VA. RAS technicians complete hundreds of worksheets every month and each one must be audited. You will receive a letter from our Branch Chief, Mrs. Debra Farley, when the audit is complete. Once you receive this letter, you will know that we have transmitted the information to VA HQ. The retiree should wait at least 30 days before contacting the VA for a status update.

Once a month the audited reports are sent to our contact at VA HQ. These reports are then disseminated to VA Regional Offices to process any payment due. Although the information is sent to the regional offices in a timely manner, it is our understanding that the VA may take an additional 90 - 120 days to process the payment. Their highest priorities are starting initial compensation and working with returning Wounded Warriors.

I hope this article answers some of the common questions retirees have when that initial award letter is received.

might have been old enough and it belonged to my neighbor." But on investigation, Johnson learned her neighbor's piano arrived on island almost a decade too late to have been the Van Boskerck instrument. The identity of her piano was settled, and the care for its legacy was assured.

"It's amazing," Johnson commented to the crew, gathered in her living room around the old upright, "We have always been so close to the Coast Guard here. So much that you are members of this community. To find a connection like this is remarkable." Mayor Shirley Marquardt, who was also present, heartily agreed. As it happens, her father Capt. Robert C. Towell was a Coast Guard aviator whose career spanned 30 years.

Prior to the gathering around the piano, Munro hosted Johnson and Marquardt aboard the ship and shared their deep appreciation for the hospitality of their generous hosts in Dutch Harbor and for their stewardship of a proudly shared heritage.



The piano used by the late Coast Guard Capt. Francis Van Boskerck to compose the melody for "Semper Paratus" sits in the home of Unalaska, Alaska, resident Zoya Johnson. U.S. Coast Guard photo by the Coast Guard Cutter Munro.

(source: <http://www.military.com>)

NOAA Predicts Active 2013 Atlantic Hurricane Season

In its 2013 Atlantic hurricane season outlook issued today, [NOAA's Climate Prediction Center](#) is forecasting an active or extremely active season this year.

For the six-month hurricane season, which begins June 1, NOAA's Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook says there is a 70 percent likelihood of 13 to 20 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which 7 to 11 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 3 to 6 major hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5; winds of 111 mph or higher).

These ranges are well above the seasonal average of 12 named storms, 6 hurricanes and 3 major hurricanes. "With the devastation of Sandy fresh in our minds, and another active season predicted, everyone at NOAA is committed to providing life-saving forecasts in the face of these storms and ensuring that Americans are prepared and ready ahead of time," said [Kathryn Sullivan, Ph.D.](#), NOAA acting administrator. "As we saw first-hand with Sandy, it's important to remember that tropical storm and hurricane impacts are not limited to the coastline. Strong winds, torrential rain, flooding, and tornadoes often threaten inland areas far from where the storm first makes landfall."

Three climate factors that strongly control Atlantic hurricane activity are expected to come together to produce an active or extremely active 2013 hurricane season. These are:

- A continuation of the atmospheric climate pattern, which includes a strong west African monsoon, that is responsible for the ongoing era of high activity for Atlantic hurricanes that began in 1995;
- Warmer-than-average water temperatures in the tropical Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea; and
- El Niño is not expected to develop and suppress hurricane formation.



Hurricane Sandy as seen from NOAA's GOES-13 satellite on Oct 12, 2012. (Credit: NOAA/NASA)

(Source: www.noaanews.noaa.gov)

TRICARE RETIREE DENTAL CONTRACT EXTENDED

The TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) of the Department of Defense has extended the current TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) contract – which runs from October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 – to continue through December 31, 2013. The contract extension brings no change in premiums or scope of benefits. However, the annual maximum for enrollees in the Enhanced program will be increased to \$1,500 for this period.

Those in the Basic program will see their maximum increase to \$1,250. And, although the maximums are being INCREASED for the extended period, enrollees will NOT be asked to pay a higher deductible.

These changes were implemented April 1. If you had already reached your maximum for the year, please have your dentist resubmit your claim(s) that were not made due to exceeding the maximum.

Delta Dental also will serve as administrator of the new five-year TRDP contract, which will begin January 1, 2014.

The TRDP, authorized by Congress as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997, offers affordable dental benefits as a voluntary option to the nation's 5 million-plus Uniformed Services retirees and their family members.

With current enrollment of more than 1.3 million, the TRDP is the nation's largest voluntary, all-enrollee-paid dental program.

The TRDP will continue as a worldwide, combined fee-for-service/preferred provider program that offers enrollees access to any licensed dentist in all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Canada and overseas.

For further questions on the contract extension visit: <http://www.trdp.org/enr/faq-contract-extension.html>

(Source: www.Trdp.org)

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We want to hear from you. CGX stores continue their ongoing mission to remodel and renovate existing stores. Over the past 10 years, we've reinvested over \$22M to provide our Coast Guard shipmates and their families the shopping experience they want and deserve. It's all a part of thanking you for your service to the Coast Guard as well as recognizing that you remain part of the Coast Guard family forever. CGX is part of the United States Coast Guard Community Services Command with a vision to be your destination of choice for Exchange and MWR benefits. Our mission is to deliver outstanding value, service, and convenience to the Coast Guard family and support the readiness and retention of those who protect and defend the homeland.

(CGX Press Release, 22 May 2013)

NAVY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

The Navy Federal Credit Union has over 220 Branches worldwide and offers the following services to all members including U.S. Coast Guard retired personnel:

- 24/7 live phone support
- Mobile banking with free bill pay
- Great rates on loans and savings programs
- Credit cards with exceptional rewards and privileges

For more information feel free to contact them at: <https://www.navyfederal.org/> or (888) 842-6328





TAPS

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	DATE	CITY	STATE
ADAMS	ROBERT	AD1	20130511	SEBAGO	ME
ALEWINE	CHARLES	FSC	20130510	SALEM	OR
APPLETON	JOHN	ADC	20130403	ST PAUL	MN
ARMIER	WILLIAM	RM1	20130513	CLARKSTON	MI
ARNOLD	MITCHELL	CWO3	20130507	JESUP	GA
ATIENZA	JOAQUIN	FS1	20130508	GLEN BURNIE	MD
BAGGETT	ROBERT	AE1	20130301	LAKE	MS
BALCOM	LEROY	RDC	20130307	DUNNELLON	FL
BARDOUILLE	JOSEPH	CDR	20130418	HYDE PARK	MA
BAXTER	SHARLOTTE	YN3	20130521	PLAIN DEALING	LA
BEDWARD	JAMES	RD1	20130404	SURFSIDE	TX
BEHRENS	ROBERT	CWO2	20130430	N CAPE MAY	NJ
BENNETT	MAX	EN2	20130422	CLARKSTON	WA
BIELING	GRANT	BMCM	20130301	ST PETERSBURG	FL
BLACK	PAUL	ENC	20130404	LISBON	ME
BOLAND	JOHN	MK1	20130418	EDMOND	OK
BRAY	EVERETT	LT	20130407	EAST MOLINE	IL
BUDRIUS	WILLIAM	PSC	20130510	VANCOUVER	WA
BURGESS	PAUL	YN1	20130429	SPRING LAKE	NC
CAMPBELL	KIT	BMC	20130401	DOTHAN	AL
CARLETON	CHARLES	CDR	20130427	RICHMOND	VA
CARMAN	FRANK	CDR	20130509	BRUNSWICK	ME
CAZENAVE	LORRAINE	YNCS	20130324	WAKEFIELD	MA
CHAUNCEY	CHARLIE	BOSN3	20130426	BRYCEVILLE	FL
COBB	STEVEN	EMC	20130329	ANCHORAGE	AK
CONARD	ROGER	CWO4	20130304	MARINETTE	MI
CONDON	RONALD	LCDR	20130416	FINDLAY	OH
CONNER	CHARLES	CWO2	20130519	FOLKSTON	GA
COOK	CALVIN	CDR	20130303	INDIANAPOLIS	IN
COPE	RICHARD	HSC	20130516	SANDY	UT
CROOKER	RONALD	CDR	20130403	OAKTON	VA
DALE	CARLOS	CAPT	20130330	NORFOLK	VA
DAUGHERTY	GAIL	CWO4	20130504	WOODSTOCK	GA
DAVIS	LUTHER	ENG4	20130309	TEMPLE TER	FL
DEBENPORT	SHAWN	SN	20130305	TERRYTOWN	LA
DELAAT	PETER	CAPT	20130328	N RIDGEVILLE	OH
DICK	WILLIAM	CAPT	20130525	MESA	AZ
DODGE	NEIL	CWO3	20130405	COLUMBIA FALLS	MT
DONALD	STEPHEN	GM3	20130423	OXNARD	CA
DONOFRIO	FRANCIS	BMC	20130328	MT DORA	FL
DONOHUE	BRIAN	QM1	20130307	GLASTONBURY	CT
DORFLER	ROBERT	LT	20130316	VAUGHN	WA
DOUGHTEN	FRANKLIN	LCDR	20130520	WILMINGTON	DE
DOYLE	JOSEPH	EMCS	20130410	STATON ISLAND	NY
DUNN	KEARIN	LCDR	20130418	COHASSET	MA
EASTMAN	ROY	BM1	20130423	HAMMOND	OR
ECKEL	TINA	YN1	20130304	HAMPTON	VA
ELLIOTT	BRUCE	RMC	20130406	PETALUMA	CA
FEDORCHUK	JOHN	SN	20130301	CHINO HILLS	CA

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	DATE	CITY	STATE
<i>(TAPS continued from page 11)</i>					
FLOCH	ROLLIEN	BMCM	20130324	JAMESTOWN	PA
FREEMAN	EUGENE	LCDR	20130508	CHESAPEAKE	VA
FRONTZ	MICHAEL	MKC	20130401	GULFPORT	MS
GASKILL	IVEY	MKC	20130321	SOUTHPORT	NC
GASKILL	EDWARD	DC1	20130502	EASTON	PA
GASKILL	JACK	ENG3	20130317	FOUNTAIN VLY	CA
GAUS	WILLIAM	BMC	20130314	DIAMOND	MO
GILLEN	DANIEL	EM2	20130323	VIRGINIA BCH	VA
GILLIES	RICHARD	COMM3	20130317	MINEOLA	TX
GOODWIN	DUDLEY	CAPT	20130227	DOREF-FOXCROFT	ME
GRAVIUS	EDWARD	LCDR	20130313	CAPE CORAL	FL
GREGORY	GERRETT	ADC	20130412	SACRAMENTO	CA
GREINER	ROBERT	CWO3	20130328	FEDERAL WAY	WA
GRIEBEL	PHILLIP	CDR	20130504	HERNDON	VA
HALSEY	DOUGLAS	LCDR	20130427	GALLIPOLIS FERRY	WV
HARNER	BARRY	CAPT	20130228	CROFTON	MD
HARRELL	RICHARD	SN	20130411	ROBERTSDALE	AL
HAUGEN	HENRY	CDR	20130425	SEATTLE	WA
HAVARD	CARY	MKCS	20130521	DAYTON	TX
HIBARGER	ROBERT	SA	20130307	MULVANE	KS
HILL	EUGENE	MKC	20130416	COCOA	FL
HIRAYAMA	MASAKAZU	CSC	20130402	HAYWARD	CA
HODGE	GARY	CWO3	20130521	LAKE WALES	FL
HOMMEL	ROBERT	BM1	20130306	HUNTINGTON STA	NY
HOOPER	BASIL	BMCM	20130319	AVON	NC
HOSKINS	DAN	ENC	20130325	LEBANON	OH
HUDSON	GARY	BMC	20130418	LONGVIEW	WA
HUGHES	ROBERT	LTJG	20130317	SANDUSKY	OH
HUGHES	LESLIE	ETC	20130524	HAMBURG	AR
INCONIGLIOS	LAWRENCE	HSC	20130301	MILLIS	MA
JOHNSON	GEORGE	CDR	20130517	MIAMI	FL
JOHNSON	HERBERT	LCDR	20130306	LAS VEGAS	NV
JONES	WILLIAM	CDR	20130410	ABSECON	NJ
KEMPT	EUNICE	LTJG	20130325	CAMAS	WA
KERCHER	WILLIAM	BM1	20130516	HITCHCOCK	TX
KERN	HEBER	CWO4	20130305	MOBLIE	AL
KILROY	RICHARD	LCDR	20130317	NEWPORT NEWS	VA
KIVELA	ALAN	FS1	20130517	TACOMA	WA
KNIGHT	LARRY	EM1	20130325	RIVER RIDGE	LA
KULPON	GEORGE	AD2	20130314	HAZLETON	PA
LANEY	LOUIS	BMC	20130303	MONROE	NC
LAWNZAK	DONALD	MKC	20130309	TOLEDO	OH
LE	LINDA	LCDR	20130327	VAN NUYS	CA
LEE	JAMES	ELC4	20130330	ROGERSVILLE	TN
LENCZYK	RUDOLPH	CAPT	20130306	PALM COAST	FL
LESLIE	HOWARD	BMCS	20130308	ARAB	AL
LEWIS	RICHARD	BT1	20130304	MOOREHEAD CITY	NC
LEWIS	WILLIAM	CWO3	20130413	COLUMBUS	GA
LEWIS	STEVEN	ET1	20130422	WAIPAHU	HI
LIVOTI	JOSEPH	ENC	20130430	NATICK	MA
LOCANTORE	DAVID	FS3	20130321	WORCESTER	MA
LOCKER	LESLIE	EMC	20130508	GILBERT	AZ
LOPES	NORMAN	ET2	20130408	N DARTMOUTH	MA

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LUNSFORD	RONALD	SN	20130420	SAN ANTONIO	TX
LUTTRELL	BRUCE	EN1	20130329	PENSACOLA	FL
MACKEY	BRIAN	LT	20130402	KENNEWICK	WA
MALM	RICHARD	CAPT	20130227	MEDINA	WA
MARTIN	MARTY	MSTC	20130418	HUDSON	FL
MARTS	ROBERT	RMCS	20130317	PHOENIX	AZ
MARZETTA	JOHN	EMCS	20130420	SUMMERVILLE	SC
MASH	DONALD	FSCS	20130510	SPRINGTOWN	TX
MASSEY	RAYMOND	LCDR	20130422	MANGUM	OK
MAYS	RICHARD	FTCS	20130227	POWAY	CA
MCCONNELL	ERNEST	YNC	20130405	MARBLE HILL	MO
MCCOY	THOMAS	PSC	20130424	SPRING HILL	FL
MCDONALD	KENNETH	SKC	20130302	N LAS VEGAS	NV
MCDOWELL	GARLAND	PS1	20130313	CORDOVA	TN
MCNAMEE	BRUCE	EM2	20130330	ASHBURN	VA
MILLER	WILLIAM	BMCS	20130403	VANCOUVER	WA
MITCHELL	THOMAS	CWO3	20130416	BURLINGTON	WI
MORALES	GERALD	MKC	20130503	SIMI VALLEY	CA
MORRIS	JOHN	MKCS	20130226	TOPOCK	AZ
MORRISON	ELWOOD	BMC	20130525	MOUNTAINBURG	AR
NEAL	WILLIAM	CDR	20130505	CROSSVILLE	TN
NELSON	REX	BMCS	20130305	PEARL RIVER	LA
NESBIT	ROBERT	DC1	20130316	ANNISTON	AL
OAKES	HAROLD	MKC	20130516	ALLEN PARK	MI
OCZKOWSKI	FREDERICK	CDR	20130316	NAPLES	FL
OIDA	AMADOR	FS1	20130329	NABUA	CM
OILLE	RAYMOND	BMC	20130424	THE VILLAGES	FL
ORLANDI	LUIS	YNC	20130506	KINGS MTN	NC
OTOOLE	WADE	BMC	20130506	BOVEY	MN
OUDEKIRK	DONALD	EN1	20130522	KALAHEO KAUAI	HI
PADGETT	JAMES	GMC	20130325	SMOAKS	SC
PALM	RAYMOND	CWO2	20130402	EGG HBR TWP	NJ
PALMIERI	MARK	AMTC	20130403	ST CLOUD	FL
PAPINEAU	JEANNETTE	YN1	20130320	MT PLEASANT	SC
PARKER	DONALD	SN	20130326	MORA	MN
PARKINS	JAMES	AD2	20130427	NEW ALBANY	IN
PITTMAN	GEORGE	MKC	20130330	RUTLEDGE	TN
PITTS	WILLIAM	BMCS	20130405	MOBILE	AL
PODOJIL	LAWRENCE	ETCM	20130403	CIBOLO	TX
PRENDERGAST	SEAN	AST1	20130417	CLEARWATER	FL
QUEEN	BOBBY	MKCS	20130425	BLAIRSVILLE	GA
QUINN	GEORGE	CWO4	20130504	ROHNERT PARK	CA
RAINES	GEORGE	HS1	20130327	TIMMONSVILLE	SC
RARICK	DONALD	BM1	20130304	LESLIE	MO
REED	NATHANAEL	MKCM	20130507	INDN HBR BCH	FL
RHINE	KNOX	LT	20130414	NEWTON	KS
ROBERTS	CHRISTOPHER	LCDR	20130502	WILMINGTON	NC
ROBERTS	ROBERT	AET3	20130320	MOBILE	AL
ROBERTSON	PASCAL	ETC	20130515	FORT PIERCE	FL
ROBINSON	DWAYNE	FS1	20130308	GLEN ALLEN	VA
ROGERS	JOHN	BMCM	20130412	ONLEY	VA
ROGERS	LAWRENCE	MKC	20130319	NASELLA	WA
ROJESKI	CASIMIR	CAPT	20130326	ROBERTSDALE	AL

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GRADE	DATE	CITY	STATE
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ROSENBERG	ALFRED	BMCM	20130315	JACKSONVILLE	FL
RUSSELL	CARLTON	CAPT	20130409	COSTA MESA	CA
SABOL	ALBERT	CAPT	20130324	LEESBURG	VA
SAMONTE	JUAN	EM2	20130330	GALVESTON	TX
SCALABRINI	DANIEL	CAPT	20130411	WALNUT CREEK	CA
SEEGER	LOREN	CAPT	20130319	ALEXANDRIA	VA
SELTENREICH	ALBERT	BM1	20130331	PUNTA GORDA	FL
SENERES	MANUEL	FSC	20130424	SAN DIEGO	CA
SILVA	ROBERT	CWO4	20130301	SANTA ROSA	CA
SIMPSON	JOHN	CWO4	20130331	RENO	NV
SIMS	DAVID	CWO3	20130415	WILMER	AL
SMITH	ROBERT	CDR	20130303	UNCASVILLE	CT
SMITH	LORNE	ENG4	20130414	EL CAJON	CA
SMITH	RONNY	SK1	20130306	FRISCO	TX
SMITH	EDWARD	YN1	20130402	WARWICK	RI
SMITH	LYLE	SKCS	20130404	KENNEWICK	WA
SOLINSKI	RICHARD	DCCS	20130515	MULBERRY	FL
SOLVANG	ARTHUR	CAPT	20130318	BARRINGTON	RI
SOMMER	NANCY	YNC	20130318	NEWPORT NEWS	VA
SPARKS	DAVID	BM1	20130502	GREER	SC
STEWART	MILTON	CDR	20130422	FAIRVIEW	NC
STOLL	ROBERT	PS1	20130421	WAYNE	NJ
STROHECKER	DALE	CWO4	20130320	RIDOTT	IL
SULLIVAN	LAWRENCE	SN	20130413	DENVER	CO
SULLIVAN	ROBERT	DCCM	20130421	NEWPORT NEWS	VA
SWEENEY	ROBERT	YN1	20130505	N SMITHFIELD	RI
SWINDELL	BOBBY	CWO4	20130517	NEW BERN	NC
TAYLOR	RODNEY	QMC	20130412	MOREHEAD CITY	NC
TILLETT	JOHN	CS1	20130423	MANTEO	NC
TODD	CHARLES	FSC	20130510	NEWPORT	NC
TURNER	MELVIN	YN1	20130302	FLORISSANT	MO
TUTWILER	THOMAS	CAPT	20130520	HARRISONBURG	VA
VANBELKUM	GEORGE	LCDR	20130306	LOWELL	MI
VELA	JESUS	MK1	20130421	CORPUS CHRISTI	TX
VENABLES	ROBERT	F&S4	20130310	ALLIANCE	OH
VISSER	JAY	BMCM	20130325	MARYSVILLE	WA
WADE	STEVEN	BM1	20130311	DEER PARK	NY
WALTERS	ROBERT	MK1	20130430	MISSION	TX
WHITE	JAMES	CDR	20130226	N STONINGTON	CT
WHITE	PETER	MKC	20130317	SAINT LOUIS	MO
WILLIS	RAYMOND	CWO4	20130513	BEAUFORT	SC
WILLIS	CLIFTON	BMC	20130228	KISSIMMEE	FL
WORLEY	NORMAN	AOC	20130331	SAN DIEGO	CA
WRITESMAN	DONALD	AE1	20130408	CARMICHAEL	CA
YOUNG	GEORGE	PSS4	20130402	BUMPASS	VA
ZENTRICH	PETER	AEC	20130409	AURORA	CO
ZINZ	ARTHUR	AD1	20130301	COCHRAN	PA

Member deaths will be updated monthly on the RAS website: <http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/retnews/taps.asp>.

Notice for Survivors of RET-2 (Reserve) Retirees

For Ret-2 deaths, please notify PPC immediately. In several cases PPC was not notified until the member would have been age 60 and the annuitants lost benefits because the law only allows a 6 year window to apply for RCSBP benefits.

Dependent TAPS

Name of Dependent	Relationship	Date of Death	Location
Norma J. Bailey	Wife of CS2 Leland Bailey, USCG Ret	04 Feb 2012	Riverside, CA
Alice M. Baumann	Wife of CWO3 Ralph E. Baumann, USCG Ret	03 Mar 2013	Aurora, IL
Gretchen E. Bochenek	Wife of IVCS Joseph R. Bochenek, USCG Ret	02 Dec 2012	Mobile, AL
Janet Emery	Wife of CWO3 William B. Emery, Jr. USCG Ret	19 Feb 2013	Alva, FL
Anita K. Hibbard	Wife of RMCS Charles M. Hibbard, USCG Ret	07 Feb 2013	Gulfport, MS
Diann Jepson	Wife of QMCS Gordon Jepson, USCG Ret	13 Jan 2013	Vancouver, WA
Elsie A. Lebherz	Wife of MK1 Joseph E. Lebherz, USCG Ret	24 Jan 2013	Scituate, MA
Judith A. Levesque	Wife of RMC Richard A. Levesque, USCG Ret	24 Feb 2013	Paris, TN
Charleen I. Martin	Wife of CWO4 Henry Martin, USCG Ret	20 Apr 2010	Grand Rapids, MI
Thomas K. McBride	Son of AEC Thomas F. McBride Jr., USCG Ret	08 Feb 2013	Raleigh, NC
Constance F. McCaffrey	Wife of CAPT Edwin K. McCaffrey, NOAA Ret	10 May 2013	Wheaton, MD
Annie M. McLees	Wife of ETCS Edward McLees, USCG Ret	03 Oct 2012	Kansas City, MO
Vivian E. Mendoza	Wife of DCC Jose S. Mendoza, Jr., USCG Ret	15 Feb 2013	Westbrook, ME
Candace Perham	Wife of AMTCS David W. Perham, USCG Ret	18 Feb 2013	Columbia Falls, ME
Deborah M. Perkins	Wife of LCDR Robert D. Perkins, USCG Ret	01 Mar 2013	Slidell, LA
Edna Phipps	Wife of ET1 Malcolm Phipps, USCG Ret	12 May 2013	Cocoa, FL
Captola D. Rindlisbacher	Wife of AMTCM Michael L. Rindlisbacher, USCG Ret	14 Mar 2013	Oroville, CA
Virginia G. Roberts	Wife of CDR Rudy Roberts, USCG Ret	02 May 2013	Williamsburg, VA
Gloria Rosa	Wife of MK1 Ramon Rosa, USCG Ret	13 Mar 2013	Jacksonville, FL
Adoracion Dy Rosal	Wife of FSC Raymie O. Rosal, USCG Ret	19 Mar 2013	Vallejo, CA
Linda Ruscito	Wife of YN1 John Ruscito, USCG Ret	13 Apr 2013	Naples, FL
Dorothy A. Sharp	Wife of QMC Charles Sharp, USCG Ret	24 Mar 2013	Mantua, NJ
Brittany A. Shourds	Daughter of YN1 Tammy L. Shourds, USCG Ret	11 Mar 2013	Duluth, MN
Lucy I. Smithson	Wife of GMC Billy Smithson, USCG Ret	04 Apr 2013	New London, CT
Irene M. Straus	Wife of CWO4 Clark Straus, USCG Ret	18 Mar 2013	Lake Geneva, WI
T. Shawn Torrance	Son of BMCM Timothy S. Torrence, USCG Ret	08 Mar 2013	Bogalusa, LA
Evelyn D. Voigt	Wife of BMC George A. Voigt, USCG Ret	14 Nov 2012	Hampton, GA
Jennifer L. Walker	Wife of CAPT Dale E. Walker, USCG Ret	15 May 2013	Chesapeake, VA
Myrna F. Waters	Wife of ENCM Albert L. Waters, USCG Ret	07 Mar 2013	Larose, LA
Andrea K. Wehner	Wife of CDR Stephen J. Wehner, USCG Ret	07 May 2013	Redmond, WA
Cheryl Y. West	Wife of MK1 Willie D. West, USCG Ret	08 Apr 2013	Kansas City, MO
Helen P. White	Wife of FS2 Robert L. White, USCG Ret	09 Apr 2013	Chesapeake, VA
Norma P. Wilson	Wife of BMCS William J. Wilson, USCG Ret	25 Feb 2013	Jacksonville, FL
Lorraine J. Woods	Wife of CAPT Mathew Woods, USCG Ret	19 Dec 2011	Jacksonville, FL

If you have lost a loved one and would like their name printed in Dependent TAPS, please contact **PPC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil** with their name, date of death, your name and retired rank, and city/state of residence. RAS will make appropriate updates and then forward to The Coast Guard/NOAA Retirees' Newsletter Editor. Or you can send your request in writing and mail to: Commanding Officer (RAS), Pay & Personnel Center, 444 SE Quincy Street, Topeka, KS 66683-3591. You may also fax your request to (785) 339-3770.

TERMINATION OF COAST GUARD DECAL PROGRAM

This notice is to inform our retiree community of the "termination of the USCG POV DECAL program." All designated CG issuing units plan to cease issuing CG POV decals no later than 01 JAN 2014. All CG issued decals should be removed from POV and destroyed by 31 DEC 2014. The CG is following DOD's lead. Furthermore, members that access DOD bases requiring decals can apply/obtain a DOD decal from that installation. For more information, you may contact: CDR James Garzon, Retiree Services Program Manager at (202) 475-5451.

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Editor's notes**Keeping Retiree & Annuitant Services Informed**

All retirees are reminded to inform PPC (RAS) as soon as possible following changes of marital status (such as divorce, death, annulment, marriage), death of a designated SBP beneficiary, or any other changes which could impact retired pay. Additionally, when you make a change with DEERS it **does not** constitute a change to your Retired Pay account since DEERS is a totally different system from RAS.

State Tax Reminder: As a reminder when moving from one state to another and updating your home mailing address, don't forget to change your state tax withholdings. The retiree must request a change for state tax as an address change does not automatically change or stop the state information where the tax is being paid.

Send your reunion or other notices to:

The Coast Guard/NOAA Retirees' Newsletter
Commanding Officer (P&D)
U.S. Coast Guard Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

E-mail: PPC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil
Phone: (toll free, U.S. only) 1-800-772-8724 or
(785) 339-2236

Coast Guard/NOAA Retiree Personnel Locator: If you are searching for a Coast Guard/NOAA retired individual, we can help. Place your personal correspondence to that individual in a sealed envelope, making sure to include how they can get in touch with you. On the outside of that envelope, address it to them with their full name and rank/rate (for military). Please write your return address and attach a stamp on the envelope. Then, place that envelope in a larger envelope and address it to:

**Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591**

RAS will complete the person's address and place it in the mail.

Need a corrected DD-214?

If your DD-214 is incorrect and you want a corrected form (DD-215), you need to send your request in writing to:

Commander (PSD-MR)
Personnel Service Center
US Coast Guard Stop 7200
4200 Wilson Blvd, Ste 1100
Arlington, VA 20598-7200

Please include your name, rank/rate, SSN/Employee ID, and date of retirement.

More DD-214 information

Great news for veterans—the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to print a request form for their DD-214 online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>. This will cut the waiting time veterans have had in the past to obtain copies of their DD-214s. **Note:** This website does not allow you to see or print a copy of your DD-214 but does allow you to print the request form needed to mail or fax to NPRC to obtain a copy of your DD-214.

VA compensation payments and federal income taxes

If you retired from the USCG or NOAA based on years of service and are later given a retroactive service connected disability rating by the VA, your retirement pay for the retroactive period is excluded from income up to the amount of VA disability benefits that you would have been entitled to receive. The Form 1099R reports the entire distribution because the income, when paid, was taxable under the law.

A corrected Form 1099R which could support the decrease in taxable income will not be issued by PPC.

This policy is contained in the DOD Financial Management Regulations, VOL 7B and also is stated in the IRS instructions for Form 1099R, which directs that the entire income distribution will be reported if a part is taxable and a part is not taxable.

Retirees who are affected by this policy should consult a tax preparer for assistance. The retiree should provide copies of the Form 1099R and the VA Award Letter to claim a refund of taxes paid on the excludable amount.

You may also claim a refund of any taxes paid on an excludable amount in previous years by filing an amended return on Form 1040X, subject to Statute of Limitations.

Pay & Personnel Center, Retiree & Annuitant Services (RAS) - Directory Assistance

Questions, Address or Direct-Deposit Changes

If you need information or have questions about:

- ◆ Your Retired or Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity payments
- ◆ Your Retired/Annuitant Statement
- ◆ IRS Form 1099R (reporting taxable income)

or you need to change:

- ◆ Your and your dependents' home mailing address (for Retired/Annuitant Statement, newsletter, 1099R, correspondence)
- ◆ Your financial institution or account number for your direct deposit
- ◆ Report a change to your Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay (Note: Use Form *CG PPC-3600 Designation of Beneficiary for Payment of Unpaid Retired Pay)

You may make the requests listed above by telephone, by fax or in writing. Our telephone and fax numbers are:

Toll free: 1 800 772-8724
Commercial: (785) 339-3415
Fax: (785) 339-3770

Allotments, SBP Coverage and Beneficiary Changes

If you need to:

- ◆ Start, stop or change an allotment (you may use Form *CG PPC-7221 Retired Allotment Authorization Form, fax in the form or a written request, call us, or send us an e-mail request). If you e-mail us with the request, your pay tech will call you to verify your information.
- ◆ Report a change to your Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage (must be in writing)

You may fax your request to (785) 339-3770 or mail to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
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Topeka, KS 66683-3591

(*) Note: forms available from our website
<http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/forms>

E-mail: PPC-DG-RAS@uscg.mil

Website: <http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ras/>

Income Tax Withholding Changes

If you need to:

- ◆ Start or change the amount of State Tax Withholding (Retirees can call, e-mail, fax or use *IRS Form W-4, or state form. **If using IRS form, indicate that the form is for State Income Tax Withholding (not federal), which state it's for and the dollar amount to be withheld, (minimum amount is \$10.00, no cents).** We cannot withhold state tax for annuitants)
- ◆ Change your Federal Income Tax Withholding (Retirees use Form W-4, Annuitants use Form W-4P)
- ◆ Change exemptions or additional withholding

Federal tax changes **must** be in writing. The original Form IRS W-4 or W-4P must be mailed to PPC (RAS) for action and filing, per IRS requirements. PPC (RAS) cannot accept a faxed W-4 or W-4P. Please mail to:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
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(*)Note: forms available from our website
<http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/forms>
or directly from the IRS

Report of Death

To report the death of a Coast Guard, NOAA retiree/annuitant or a Lighthouse keeper call:

Toll free: 1 800 772-8724
Commercial: (785) 339-3415
Fax: (785) 339-3770

Or write:

Commanding Officer (RAS)
USCG Pay & Personnel Center
444 SE Quincy St
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

E-mail articles, dependent taps entries, reunion notices, etc., to PPC-DG-RASNewsletter@uscg.mil or call us at the numbers listed below. The deadline for the next issue is **Aug 9, 2013.**

1 800 PPC-USCG/1 800 772-8724

Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites

Medical/Dental Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Eligibility (DEERS)/ID Cards	1 800 538-9552 (TTY/TDD) 1 866 363-2883	http://www.tricare.mil/deers In CA: 1 800 334-4162; In AK & HI 1 800 527-5602
Mail-Order Pharmacy	1 877 363-1303	http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/Prescriptions/FillingPrescriptions/TMOP
Retiree Dental Plan	1 888 838-8737	http://www.trdp.org
TRICARE Overseas	1 888 777-8343	http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Regions/RegionsNonUS
TRICARE United States	phone numbers on their website	http://tricare.mil
TRICARE For Life	1 866 773-0404	http://www.tricare.mil/tfl/default.cfm
Senior Pharmacy Program	1 877 363-6337	http://tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Eligibility/WhoIsEligible/MedicareBeneficiaries
Federal Long-Term Health Insurance	1 800 582-3337	http://www.opm.gov/insure/lte/
CG Health Benefits Advisor	1 800 942-2422	
Veterans Benefits	Phone	Websites/Notes
Department of Veterans Affairs	1 800 827-1000	http://www.va.gov
Insurance Information	1 800 669-8477	http://www.insurance.va.gov
Veterans Group Life Insurance		http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglisite/vgli/vgli.htm
New VGLI Applications and VGLI Reinstatements: OSGLI PO Box 41618 Philadelphia, PA 19176-9913	1 800 419-1473 Overseas phone (973) 548-5699 Overseas fax # (973) 548-5300	Death and accelerated benefits claims only: Fax: 1 877 832-4943 All other fax inquiries: 1 800 236-6142 or e-mail: osgli.claims@prudential.com All other inquiries: osgli.osgli@prudential.com General Correspondence: Office of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance 80 Livingston Avenue Roseland, NJ 07068-1733
Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents	1 800 827-1000	http://www.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.asp VA Pamphlet 80-02-1
Headstones and Markers	1 800 697-6947	http://www.cem.va.gov/hm.htm

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Other Important Phone Numbers and Websites

Other	Phone	Websites/Notes
Final Active Duty Pay	1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200	http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/ses/ Commanding Officer (SES) USCG Pay & Personnel Center 444 SE Quincy St Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Contact PPC (SES) for information on Severance Pay, Separation Pay, Disability Severance Pay, LES's, IRS Form W-2.		
Travel Claims	1 866 772-8724 Overseas (785) 339-2200	http://www.uscg.mil/ppc/tvl.asp Send final travel claim to: Commanding Officer (TVL) USCG Pay & Personnel Center 444 SE Quincy St. Topeka, KS 66683-3591
Service Records	(314) 801-0800	http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/ Write to: National Personnel Records Center Military Personnel Records 9700 Page Avenue St. Louis, MO 63132-5100
Veterans or next-of-kin of a deceased veteran can log on http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records and make requests. All others must write in and include complete name, rank/grade, SSN, dates of service and date of birth of the veteran. DD-214's are also available via the website.		
Social Security	1 800 772-1213	http://www.ssa.gov
WWII U.S. Merchant Marine Awards and Decorations	(202) 366-2646	http://www.marad.dot.gov/contact_us.html Maritime Administration U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE Washington, D.C. 20590 Attn: Patricia Thomas, W25314
National Coast Guard Retiree Council Help Desk Telephone/E-mail "HOTLINE"	(202) 475-5381	E-mail: NRHDesk@gmail.com
ARE YOU NEARING YOUR 65TH BIRTHDAY? IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR MEDICAL BENEFITS When you turn 65, your medical benefits will change. MEDICARE will become your primary medical coverage and TRICARE pays secondary to MEDICARE. You MUST enroll in MEDICARE PART B to retain your TRICARE coverage. If you are within 90 days of your 65 th birthday, you should log on to http://www.ssa.gov or http://www.medicare.gov to enroll in MEDICARE PART B. Additional information can be found on the TRICARE web site at http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Eligibility/WhosEligible?kw=Medicare+Beneficiaries or by telephone to the TRICARE Information Center at 1-888-363-5433.		

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